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1. IN REGIONAL GROUP MEETINGS HELD SO FAR ASIANS HAVE DECIDED SUPPORT LEBANESE DRAFT RES. LAS WILL NOT ADOPT REGIONAL GROUP POSITION THEREBY RELEASING EACH DEL TO VOTE ITS OWN INTEREST. SO FAR AFS HAVE FAILED TO ADOPT POSITION AND TO DATE WE SEE NO EVIDENCE THAT USSR FAVORING EITHER POSITION ALTHOUGH ASIAN DECISION LIKELY TO BE OF CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE.
2. IN PRESENT SETTING WE FULLY APPRECIATE DESIRE LEBANESE AVOID CONFRONTATION. WE ALSO AWARE OF TREMENDOUS ARAB PRESSURES ON GHORRA TO KEEP ISSUE BEFORE ECOSOC AND PRESS TO VOTE.
3. SO FAR LEBANON SOLE SPONSOR OF DRAFT RES WHICH MEANS THAT GHORRA NOT BOUND BY ARAB GROUP AND IS TECHNICALLY CONFIDENTIAL

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FREE WITHDRAW DRAFT RES AT WILL. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES

IDEALMOVE WOULD BE FOR GOL INSTRUCT GHORRA WITHDRAW HIS PROPOSAL FOR WEST ASIANS EC COM PARTICULARLY IN VIEW FACT THAT UPCOMING SC DEBATE APPEARS TO BE BUILDING UP MOMENTUM WHICH DESERVES UNFETTERED CHANCE FOR SUCCESS WITHOUT DIVISIVE ELEMENTS WHICH ACRIMONIOUS TACTICS AND DEBATE HERE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY INSPIRE.

4. USDEL URGES THAT COMPLETE STATE OF PLAY AND SHARPLY DIVIDED SETTING IN WHICH ISSUE BEING CONSIDERED BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION GOL.

5. WE HOPE THAT THIS COULD RESULT IN FURTHER GIVE ON THEIR PART AND ACHIEVEMENT SOLUTION MOST SATISFACTORY PROTEM TO MAJORITY DELS.BASSIN

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